



BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents:

Outlined below is Barrington's Early Dismissal/School Closing Emergency Plan. This plan will be put into effect should schools need to be dismissed early or closed due to the onset of a serious storm.

EARLY DISMISSAL/SCHOOL CLOSING EMERGENCY PLAN

In the event that a situation arises when students must be dismissed during the course of the day and schools closed, the following plan will be put into effect:

1. The decision will be made by the Superintendent of Schools or his designee at least one hour before the action is taken. He will make this decision after checking with 1) the Fire and/or Police Chief; 2) the Director of Public Works; 3) the Transportation Company; 4) the RI Department of Education Statewide Transportation for Special Education; 5) the RI Federal Emergency Management Agency; and 6) the National Weather Service.
2. After the decision to dismiss is made, the Superintendent and members of the Central Office staff will notify the principal of each school building of the early dismissal time or closure and post information on the district website.
3. Notification - The Superintendent will utilize the RI Broadcasters Association of the early dismissal time/cancellation, which distributes communication to all local media.
4. Walkers – Middle School and High School – will be dismissed by the building principal at the announced early dismissal time. Elementary student walkers will be dismissed when accompanied by a parent/guardian.
5. Parents can be notified of school closings through text messages directly from the district. Parents will need to make sure that their cell phone numbers are up to date in Aspen.
6. Parents can also be notified of school closings with an email or text message sent to a mobile device by registering with the RI Broadcasters Association, using the following link:
[RIBA Text Alert](#)

7. Through a joint effort between Barrington Public Schools and the Town of Barrington, CodeRED Emergency Communications Network provides notification to families in case of an emergency. For school related messages, CodeRED will be using phone numbers periodically updated from the student information system.
8. Schools will be dismissed in the following order:
 - A. Hampden Meadows School
 - B. K-3 Elementary Schools
 - C. Barrington High School
 - D. Barrington Middle School
9. Parents should make arrangements for an alternate destination for their children in the event of an early dismissal. In the event of early dismissal, a serious problem could be created for the child who is dismissed from school and has no other destination after arriving at an empty or locked home.
10. In the event of a serious storm warning that has had widespread announcement, parents who choose to should feel free to pick up their children as early as possible.

Please take some time to discuss the possibility of an early dismissal with your children and the alternative arrangements they should follow.

Sincerely,



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